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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HILLSBOROUGH, SS. Northern District

SUPERIOR COURT

State of New Hampshire

v.

Adam Montgomery

Case No. 216-2022-CR-00020

STATE'S PARTIAL OBJECTION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SEAL: MOTION TO SEVER/OBJECTION TO JOINDER

NOW COMES the State of New Hampshire, by and through its attorneys, the Office of the Attorney General, and submits this partial objection to the defendant's Motion to Seal:

Motion to Sever/Objection to Joinder. In essence, the State objects to the sealing of the Motion to Sever/Objection to Joinder except for a specific portion as described below. As grounds therefore, the State submits as follows:

- 1. On June 17, 2022, the defendant filed a Motion to Sever/Objection to Joinder, together with an accompanying Motion to Seal.
- 2. Rule 50 of the New Hampshire Rules of Criminal Procedure governs confidential information in pleadings. Rule 50(c)(2)(A) includes in the definition of confidential information "information that is not public pursuant to state or federal statute."
- 3. Records of the New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth, and Families ("DCYF") are generally made confidential by RSA 170-G:8-a. However, on or about February 25, 2022, the New Hampshire Governor's Office released a document titled <u>Comprehensive</u>

 <u>Update on the Ongoing Case Involving Harmony Montgomery and Recommended Systematic</u>

 Improvements (https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/harmony-

montgomery-update-recommendations.pdf; last accessed July 11, 2022). This document made public some information from DCYF records that would likely otherwise have been confidential.

WHEREFORE, the State of New Hampshire respectfully requests that this Honorable Court:

- (A) Deny the defendant's <u>Motion to Seal: Motion to Sever/Objection to Joinder</u> except as to the above-referenced portion of paragraph 7 of the <u>Motion to Sever/Objection to Joinder</u>; and
 - (B) Grant such further relief as may be deemed just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

By its attorneys,

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/s/ Jesse O'Neill	
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